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October 21, 1975

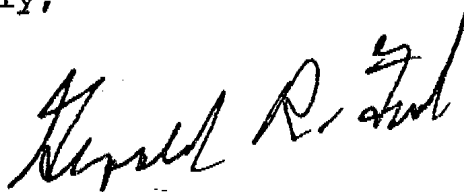
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Sincerely,



His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal  
Dakar

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

REFERRAL

Date: Oct. 21, 1975

NSC log # 7506218

## MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Pres of Senegal, Leopold Sedar Senghor

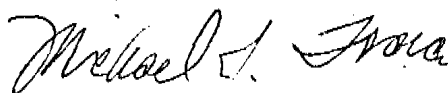
From: Pres Ford

Date: Oct. 21, 1975

Subject: Thanks Senghor for help in capture of Dominique Orsini and  
also re drugs trafficking.

ACTION REQUESTED:☐ Draft reply for:

☐ President's Signature  
☐ White House Staff  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Direct reply☐ Furnish info copy☒ Dispatch☐ Translation☐ Recommendations/Comments☐ Appropriate Handling☐ Other☐ InformationDUE DATE:COMMENTS:

for Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...


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October 20, 1975

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A Kissinger 

SUBJECT: Senegal: Presidential Letter of Appreciation to the President of Senegal for Cooperation in the Case of Drug Trafficker Orsini

Dominique Orsini, a major French drug trafficker, was recently apprehended in Dakar, Senegal by Senegalese authorities and, pursuant to a U.S. Government request, released to U.S. authorities. He was brought to the United States, arraigned before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and is presently awaiting trial on conspiracy to import into the United States large amounts of heroin and cocaine.

The Department of State has noted that the Senegalese Government's almost immediate response to our request was made despite an agreement with France, entered into at the time of Senegal's independence, that it would not expel or extradite a French citizen without prior consultation and the permission of the Government of France (Tab B).

I concur in the Department's recommendation that you recognize this extraordinary cooperation in a letter to the President of Senegal. Phil Buchen's office has reviewed the text of the draft letter and has no objection. Paul Theis' office concurs in the text of the draft as well.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to President Senghor of Senegal at Tab A.

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Tab 2 fwd to Ti 10/20

ACTION

October 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: HAL HORAN *HH*

SUBJECT: Senegal: Presidential Letter of Appreciation to the  
President of Senegal for Cooperation in the Case of  
Drug Trafficker Orsini

The Department of State has recommended (Tab B) that in view of Senegal's assistance in extraditing the fugitive drug trafficker Dominique Orsini, a French citizen, the President write to the President of Senegal expressing United States appreciation. I concur in this recommendation and have attached a suggested draft letter (Tab A). Phil Buchen has reviewed the text of the draft and has no objection. Paul Theis' office concurs in the text of the letter as well. Dennis Clift concurs in my recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward to the President the memo at Tab I.

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October 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE DAVIS

FROM: PHILIP W. BUCHEN *P.W.B.*

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation to the  
President of Senegal

We have reviewed the text of the draft letter and have no objection.

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September 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. BUCHEN

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *JWD*

SUBJECT: Senegal: Presidential Letter  
of Appreciation to President of  
Senegal for Cooperation in the  
Orsini Case

Attached is a copy of a memo we have received from the Department of State recommending that in view of Senegal's assistance in extraditing the fugitive drug trafficker, Dominique Orsini, the President write to the President of Senegal expressing U. S. appreciation.

In view of the legal aspects of extradition matters, and also the question of Presidential comment on pending criminal court cases, we would appreciate your comments and/or concurrence on the suggested Presidential letter.

Attachment

SUGGESTED LETTER

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His Excellency  
Leopold Sedar Senghor  
President of the Republic of Senegal  
Dakar

Dear Mr. President:

I am most grateful for the cooperation ~~which~~ your Government provided to the United States in the apprehension of narcotics trafficking fugitive Dominique Orsini. ~~This notorious~~ <sup>He</sup> ~~fugitive~~ <sup>has</sup> <sup>been</sup> the object of an intensive <sup>search</sup> ~~quest~~ over the past several years <sup>as</sup> ~~our~~ law enforcement agencies <sup>sought</sup> to bring him to justice. Our investigation resulted in his indictment by a federal court on charges of conspiring to introduce into the United States large amounts of heroin and cocaine.

Your Government's prompt and effective response to our request for assistance in apprehending this narcotics fugitive is a clear indication <sup>That</sup> ~~it~~ shares the priority we give to a strong international narcotics program. We are particularly grateful to the officials of your Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Justice for their tireless efforts and decisive actions to insure that this fugitive would be brought to justice in a manner consistent with the legal requirements of both of our countries. Their dedication and diligence have won the respect of all concerned.

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Sincerely,

(Gerald R. Ford)



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MEMORANDUM FOR HAL HORAN

Hal -

Because of the French connection, the  
attached has come to me for information.

I would question the correctness of a signed  
letter along the lines recommended by  
State without careful review by White  
House Counsel.



A. D. Clift

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Sept 16

NSC/s

Copy also to Clift  
please.

JWD -

George Springsteen

called me about this  
yesterday. He said

he had some doubts  
and reservations about  
Presidential involvement  
and wanted us to take  
a close look at the  
memo. I too have some  
doubts and think it  
could aggravate US-French  
relations.

Part II should  
not be involved  
JMM

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Senegal: Presidential Letter of Appreciation to President of Senegal for Cooperation in the Orsini Case

On August 7, 1975 Senegalese officials arrested Dominique Orsini, a notorious fugitive drug trafficker, when his flight transitted Dakar from Buenos Aires en route to Nice, France. The Senegalese acted pursuant to a verbal request for provisional arrest by United States Charge Allen Davis.

A Senegalese (French) lawyer retained by Orsini's family petitioned the Senegalese Court for his release. The Court freed Orsini on technical grounds on Saturday, August 23, 1975. The Government of Senegal persisted in its intention to turn over the fugitive to U.S. authorities, and he was immediately again taken into custody. Orsini was held by the Senegalese Judicial Police over the weekend and delivered to an agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration having an international warrant on Monday, August 25. He was brought to the United States, arraigned before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and is presently awaiting trial on conspiracy to import into the United States large amounts of heroin and cocaine.

The Senegalese action is not only a clear indication of that Government's interest in cooperating in the international control of dangerous drugs but was an act of courage as well. At the time it gained independence, Senegal entered into an agreement with France that it would not expel or extradite a French citizen without

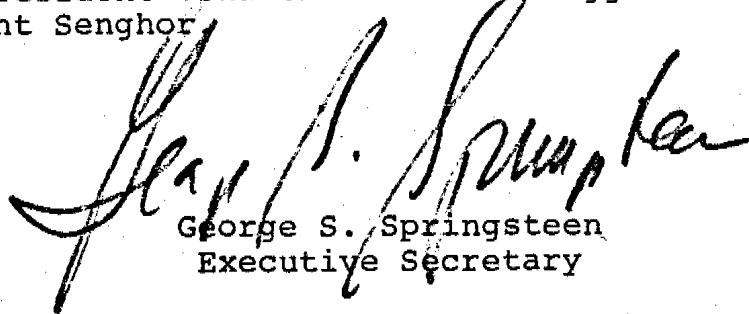
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prior consultation and the permission of the Government of France. Notwithstanding this obligation, the Government of Senegal turned over Orsini, a French citizen, to the United States and it will undoubtedly be the object of a demarche by the French Government.

The Department of State considers it appropriate that the President recognize this extraordinary cooperation in a letter to the President of Senegal. In an earlier, aborted effort to apprehend Orsini in Dakar, the prior act of cooperation was recognized in a letter from Acting Secretary Ingersoll to the Senegalese Foreign Minister. It is, therefore, recommended that the President send the attached suggested letter to President Senghor.



George S. Springsteen  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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SUGGESTED LETTER

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My Government has placed a high priority on cooperation in the development of a strong international narcotics control program. Such a program is, however, viable only if it has the support of all countries sharing a common interest in the prevention of illicit trafficking in dangerous drugs.

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The fact that your Government responded so promptly and effectively to our request for assistance in apprehending this narcotics fugitive is a clear indication of its determination in connection with this human cause. The action of Senegalese and American officials demonstrated our shared commitment to move against those who would seek personal profit from the victimization of millions of people, especially young people, through exposing them to addiction to dangerous drugs. We are particularly grateful to the officials of your Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Justice for their tireless efforts and decisive actions to insure that this fugitive would be brought to justice in a manner consistent with the legal requirements of both of our countries. Their dedication and diligence have won the respect of all concerned.

It was a special privilege for me to make your acquaintance during your visit to the United States last May. Recalling with pleasure our productive discussions at that time, I am particularly pleased that our Govern-

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ments have been able to cooperate so effectively on this important matter. I wanted to express to you my personal appreciation for your Government's support and assistance. Please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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September 11, 1975

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: S/S - Mr. George S. Springsteen

FROM: S/NM - Ambassador Vance  
AF - Ambassador Davis

SUBJECT: Senegal: Presidential Letter of Appreciation to President of Senegal for Cooperation in the Orsini Case

For the considerations advanced in the attached memorandum to General Scowcroft, together with the collateral reasons mentioned hereafter, we strongly urge that a letter of appreciation be sent from President Ford to President Senghor.

In addition to the rationale of the attached memorandum, there are several factors which support our recommendations. Initially, there is a significant interest by the Department of Justice and DEA that the Dakar option in obtaining narcotics fugitives presently residing in South America be kept viable. Dakar is a primary transit point for South America-Europe flights and this established cooperative effort has a potential for netting additional fugitives if the present Senegalese attitude continues. Recognition at the level suggested will, in our view, help to keep Senegalese interest high in this international effort.

There is some indication that President Giscard d'Estaing is interested in the Orsini affair, which could result in a strong demarche from his government to the Senegalese. As there are many political and economic ties with France, the Government of Senegal could be placed in a difficult position and a Presidential letter would soften the sting of any adverse French action.

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Ambassador Aggrey has advised the Department that there could be great value in such a letter for future cooperation on the part of the Senegalese.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached memorandum to General Scowcroft and forward it, with the suggested Presidential letter, to the White House.

Attachment:

As stated.

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